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Applicant: Wajda, et al.
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COATING STATUS OF A CERAMIC SUBSTRATE HEATER**

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2007. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-19 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Specifically, we understand that the Examiner has grouped the claims between Group I, claims 1-10, and Group II, claims 11-19. Group I is directed to a method of coating and Group II is directed to a coating apparatus. Group I further includes Species (a) wherein the exposing comprises exposing the ceramic substrate heater to a cleaning gas; and Species (b) wherein the exposing comprises exposing the ceramic substrate heater to a conditioning/passivating reactant gas. The Examiner indicates claims 1 and 4-8 are generic in Group I. Group II further includes Species (c) wherein the exposing comprises exposing the ceramic substrate; and Species (d) wherein the exposing comprises exposing the ceramic substrate heater to a conditioning/passivating reactant gas. The Examiner indicates

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Claims 11 and 14-19 are generic in Group II. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10, directed to a method of coating. Applicants further elect Species (a), where claims 1 and 4-8 are generic and claims 2 and 9 read on the elected Species (a).

Examination on the merits of elected claims 1-2 and 4-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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